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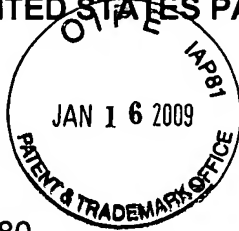
In re the Application of:

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For: THREADED JOINT FOR AN OIL WELL PIPE AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING SAME (AS AMENDED)



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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants respectfully submit that this disclosure is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), and also that the item contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication dated December 10, 2008 from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, therefore, no fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,  
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